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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/226,597
Applicant(s): JULIO PIMENTEL
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For: WEIGHT CONTROL USING AN ANTI-LIPASE ANTIBODY
Group No.: 1641
Examiner: GABEL

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

AMENDMENT/REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Our check in the amount of \$ 390.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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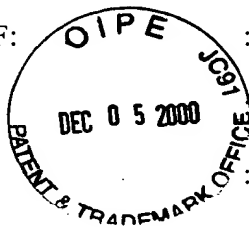
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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated July 05, 2000, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 remain active in the application.

The present invention relates to a method for decreasing the amount of body weight normally gained by an animal after eating, by feeding it an effective amount of an antibody that binds to the enzyme lipase.

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Cook et al. in view of Leclercq et al.

Cook et al. discloses an animal feed containing antibodies which are described simply as "those which can alter physiological processes that adversely affect growth and feed efficiency." (column 3, lines 5-7). Cook et al. did not disclose antibodies that bind to lipase,